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DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND SOCIAL SECTOR PROJECTS IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

he steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government to ensure development of infrastructure and social sector projects in poor States like Orissa to achieve the target laid down in the approach paper of the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BAN DATTATREYA)

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme o f Integrated Developmento f Small & Medium Towns (IDSMT), enhancedoutlays are proposed in the Tenth Five Year Plan to augment the infrastructure facilities including some social amenities in the Small & Medium Towns. It is also proposed to revise the existing guidelines for the IDSMT scheme by extending the coverage of towns to include towns upto population of 10 lakh (the existing criteria is five lakh), widen the coverage of schemes and to enhance outlays to various categories of towns etc.

Enhanced outlays are also proposed in the Tenth Five Year Plan under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of AcceleratedUrban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP), which aims at providing water supply to towns having population upto 20,000.

The social housing schemes viz. Housing Scheme for Economically Weaker Section (EWS), Lower IncomeGroup (LIG), Middle Income Group (MIG) and rental housing Scheme forState Government Employees are being implemented in the State Sector with State Plan provisions and loan assistance from the financial institutions.

Recently a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme called Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (BAMBAY) has been launched to ameliorate the conditions of the urban slum dwellers living below poverty line. The objective of VAMBAY is primarily to provide shelter or upgrade the existing shelter for people living below poverty line and people of economically weaker section in urban slum in a march towards the goal of slumless cities with a healthy and enabling urban environment. Another very important basic amenity for slum dwellers especially in congested metropolitan cities is the lack of rudimentary toilet facilities. The Scheme also envisages provisions of community toilets to slum dwellers as a integral sub component of VAMBAY.